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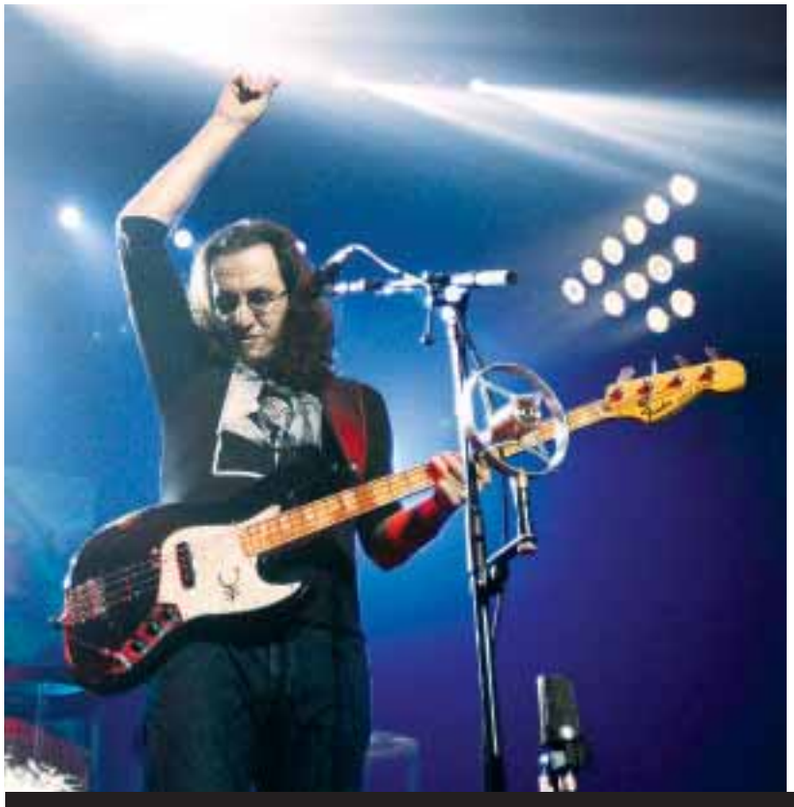

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Beloved long-time Canadian rock band Rush showed they can still play kick-ass music at MTS Centre on Wednesday, while over at the Manitoba Museum, workers installed a life-sized Tyrannosaurus rex in celebration of their new Dinosaurs Unearthed exhibit, which runs Oct. 6 to April 8, 2013. PHOTOS BY TYLER PEACOCK/FOR METRO AND STAN MILOSEVIC/CHRISD.CA

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Charged

Cops name man accused of attack

Winnipeg police have released the name of the man they allege attempted to murder a Winnipeg mother and her teenaged daughter earlier this week.

Terrence Joseph O'Neil, 32, of Winnipeg has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, break and enter to commit an indictable offence, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

Police said a man known to both the 46-year-old mother and her 13-year-old daughter came to their apartment in the 1500 block of Pembina around 11:55 p.m. Monday and assaulted them with a weapon. METRO

On the loose

Search on after home invasion

Police are looking for two female suspects after a senior citizen was assaulted and robbed during a home invasion in the North End Tuesday morning.

The 66-year-old male victim sustained minor injuries but didn't need medical attention when two female suspects forced their way into his apartment in the first 100 block of Powers Street around 10:15 a.m.

The suspects fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and personal items.

The first suspect is described as aboriginal, roughly 20 years old, around five-foot-four with a slim build and shoulder-length hair.

She was wearing loose clothing including a light coloured jacket.

The second suspect is aboriginal, between five-foot-six and five-foot-seven, with a slim build and black hair. She was wearing a dark tight-fitting jacket. METRO

PETA campaign takes aim at Thanksgiving

Gobble, gobble. The animal rights group targets children with controversial billboards

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The folks at PETA are giving Thanksgiving greetings to Winnipeg kids and their parents with a billboard campaign comparing turkey dinners to eating the family dog.

While the billboards are riling a few feathers around the country, not all Winnipeg parents mind the campaign's controversial concept.

"My kids are subjected to various advertising through all types of mediums as it is," said Chris Varga, whose six-year-old daughter is among the age-group PETA hopes to reach by placing the ads on billboards near city schools.

"The only ones that attract their attention are for toys.

"For the older kids who may actually read this, I don't believe an ad like this would sway their opinion one way or the other."

The billboards show a picture of a turkey with a dog's head and reads, "Kids: If You Wouldn't Eat Your Dog, Why Eat a Turkey? Go Vegan."

Lauren Stroyeck, action team co-ordinator for PETA, told Metro on Wednesday the animal rights organization hopes the campaign will spark a dialogue between kids and their parents, and encourage families to try turkey alternatives like tofu turkey this holiday season.

"Thanksgiving is a time for kindness and appreciation and it shouldn't be celebrated by having the corpse of a decomposing turkey as a centrepiece," she said.

"Turkeys may not be as familiar to us as the dogs and cats that we share our homes with, but they have the same capacity to feel pain and fear and they obviously don't want to die."

PETA is also trying to get the advertising on billboards around schools in Ottawa and Saskatoon.

While PETA issued a news release Tuesday touting the campaign, Stroyeck couldn't say where or when the billboards will be seen in Winnipeg.

PETA's latest billboard campaign likens eating turkey dinners to eating the family dog. The animal rights organization hopes to reach kids by placing the billboards near Winnipeg schools. CONTRIBUTED

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Dragons' Den. Virgin Radio host scores with pitch

Take note men: Soon there will be no excuse not to hold the baby.

Virgin 103.1 radio host Ace Burpee invented The Joey, a hoodie that acts like a baby carrier. He pitched the idea to the CBC show Dragons' Den. The outcome? He scored $10,000 in exchange for the idea.

Burpee said he wasn't nervous pitching to the dragons, a panel of five Canadian entrepreneurs who listen to business ideas from hopeful Canucks across the country. "I was very comfortable with my product," said Burpee. "I wanted to make them an offer they couldn't refuse."

Burpee said he came up with the idea while watching his niece. "It's hard to watch a baby and grab your beer at the same time," he joked.

He got local seamstress Julie Pederson to make the prototype and borrowed his niece to be part of the pitch. The hoodie has special holes in the front that look like pockets where a child's legs and arms can be placed, and the zipper comes up to the child's chest to hold them in.

Four dragons agreed to buy the idea, which will then be manufactured, said Burpee. He gets five per cent of the profit, which, along with the initial $10,000, will be donated to charity. "I do this for the creative outlet," he said. "That's the truth. I don't need to make a million dollars." ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Ace Burpee pitches to the dragons on Dragons' Den. METRO/CBC

Local non-profit feels the e-waste crunch

Skills. Old computers, electronics providing employment to people with disabilities

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A local non-profit that provides employment for people with disabilities is hoping Winnipeggers will step in and fill a void with their old computers and electronics.

Equal Opportunities West (EOW), which provides full and part-time employment for 32 people, is feeling the crunch after the creation of the Electronic Products Recycling Association in 2011.

The organization's executive director, Susan Morgan, said they previously had a constant supply of old electronics from companies that would donate them to EOW.

Lana Noonan, left, and Linsay Skipp disassemble hard drives at Equal Opportunities West. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

The organization's employees would then take them apart and sell the aluminum, copper and any other parts they could to companies for recycling.

"We had a non-ending supply and we really didn't promote (our services)," she said. "Who would have thought in this province we'd have an e-waste crunch?"

Morgan said she is not at all against the work of the EPRA, which is where many companies are now taking their old equipment.

Rather, she simply hopes people in the community consider them when they're looking to dispose their electronics.

In addition to dismantling the computers, EOW also — with the previous owners' consent — refurbishes them for their in-house computer lab.

Morgan said all of this is done to provide employees with "the skills and the tools" they need to get jobs in the broader community or at EOW.

"It gives you something to do," said Lana Noonan, who has been with the organization through its previous incarnations, including St. James Industries.

"This is sort of like a social group, where we horse around sometimes but the work gets done."

Dropping off?

Computers and electronics can be dropped off at Equal Opportunities West, 851 Cavalier Drive, Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by special arrangement by calling 204-888-5422.

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He's proud of building his own house and helping his son build his. Alvin volunteers at his church, has worked on Habitat for Humanity builds, and went on a mission in the Dominican Republic to build a house there. And in his downtime he helps at inner-city missions.

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Mock accident

Headingley RCMP staged a mock accident just outside the city Wednesday. The accident was meant to bring awareness to the consequences of drinking and driving. Local students watched as emergency personnel tended to a "dead" young man lying under his motorcycle on the road, and "arrested" another driver. TYLER PEACOCK/FOR METRO

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Manitoba child welfare.
6 years after report, fixes still needed, auditor says

Manitoba's child welfare system continues to rely on an outdated central database, an incomplete child abuse registry system and other problems first pointed out six years ago, the province's auditor general said Wednesday.

"Unfortunately, progress has been slow in a number of areas, including recommendations aimed at ensuring an effective central information/case management system," Carol Bellringer wrote in a 56-page report that details the government's response to an audit her office conducted in December 2006.

The Child and Family Services Information System — the central database used by social workers — was found in the 2006 audit to have missing or old information about children in care, and was not being used by some workers.

In her new report, Bellringer notes the Family Services department asked the NDP government in 2009 for funds to look at, among other things, a replacement system.

"The request for funds was denied by Treasury Board," Bellringer wrote.

The report also says there has been little progress made in ensuring people convicted of child abuse are entered into the province's child abuse registry, which officials scan when vetting foster parents.

The Manitoba government has made an attempt to have Crown attorneys and other court officials fill out a new standardized form to quickly report child abuse convictions, but "we were told that challenges continue regarding the proper completion and submission of the form," Bellringer wrote.

Overall, the government has yet to implement 14 of the 29 recommendations from the auditor's 2006 report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Number of children in care

9,432

The number of children in the province's child welfare system has almost doubled in the last decade, and stood at 9,432 as of last year.

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U of M hosts rally for Dorothy hopeful

Red shoes. Colleen Furlan 'humbled, thankful' for support

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Fans of Winnipeg's Dorothy hopeful won't give up until she wears the red shoes.

And they're wearing red shirts in support and holding events in support of Colleen Furlan, who is competing in the CBC's Over The Rainbow television show in Toronto.

On Wednesday, hundreds turned out at a rally at the University of Manitoba hosted by members of the Faculty of Music.

"I'm blown away by the support," said Furlan's mother Gaelyn McGregor. "But I'm not surprised because Winnipeg is that kind of city.

"People want to support her, people want to see her live her dream."

McGregor, one of about 250 people who attended the rally, said for the past two weeks she has been flying to Toronto on Sunday morning for that evening's taping and staying until right after Monday's results show.

"I've been driving her to singing and dancing for years … I can't abandon her now," she said. "We want to see those red shoes on her feet."

So far, 19-year-old Furlan has made it through two rounds, making her one of eight finalists.

Supporters at a U of M rally danced and sang on Wednesday along with a cardboard cutout of Winnipeg's Colleen Furlan, who is competing for the role of Dorothy in CBC's Over The Rainbow television show. TYLER PEACOCK/FOR METRO

The final Dorothy left standing will take the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of The Wizard of Oz.

"I am so humbled and thankful to everyone who generously gave up their day to come and support my journey on Over The Rainbow," Furlan said from Toronto. "Winnipeg is such warm community and I'm so proud to represent this amazing city."

Furlan also thanked the University of Manitoba via Twitter for hosting the rally.

Voting takes place after each Sunday episode and can be done by phone, up to 10 times, and online, though once per computer. There is also an app available for iPhone and Android called Over The Rainbow, where answering trivia questions correctly and winning other games earns players more votes.

Follow Bernice Pontanilla on Twitter @MetroBee

Food sharing goes Winnipeg-wide

A program that's been delivering boxes full of fresh fruit and vegetables to people in the North End and West Broadway at a discount is now expanding across the city.

Winnipeg Food Share Co-op rolled out their Winnipeg-wide service Wednesday, and biweekly deliveries from their Good Food Box Program will be available from Transcona to Tuxedo starting Oct. 9.

"There was quite a bit of pressure on the existing programs so those organizations got together and said they needed a central hub where we can distribute Good Food Boxes all over the city," explained the service's co-ordinator Mark-Jan Daalderop. "We generally believe that everyone can afford to eat better.

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"That's one of the reasons we're opening this up to everybody, because the more people who are involved, the more affordable we can make fresh produce." Mark-Jan Daalderop, co-ordinator of Winnipeg Food Share Co-op

"We think increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables for everyone is a really important thing."

Daalderop explained the Good Food Box Program is built on a cooperative model that sees organizations, farmers and community participants take part in decision-making and direction of the program.

Winnipeg Food Share Co-op works directly with local farmers and wholesalers and buys in bulk, which enables them to provide seasonal crops of fruits and vegetables all year for less than the same produce would cost at a grocery store.

The program offers three sizes of boxes ranging from $8-20, and, unlike many farm-share programs, users don't have to sign up to buy a set number of boxes per year.

Winnipeg Food Share Co-op currently has 10 depots for box pick-up, and the group is looking for more community organizations, workplaces or homes to set-up future depots around Winnipeg.

For more information on where to pick up a Good Food Box or to sign up as a volunteer depot go to winnipegfoodsharecoop.org.

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Screengrab images from surveillance video shown at the Charbonneau Commission in Montreal Wednesday. A police detective showed the video of prominent construction bosses and high-ranking members of the Rizzuto crime family exchanging cash. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

Mafia dealings caught on video

Relevance. Evidence against construction industry never used because it wasn't pertinent in RCMP's drug investigation

Hours of police video of Mafia backroom dealings — the sort seen in Hollywood films — was played at a public inquiry into corruption Wednesday.

The memorable scenes included the one-time don of the country's most powerful Mafia family, the late Nicolo Rizzuto, at meetings with construction-industry players where he received wads of cash and stuffed them into his socks.

Quebec's corruption inquiry has promised to examine ties between organized crime, the construction industry and the world of political-party financing.

After months of anticipation, it witnessed video evidence of financial links between the underworld and the construction world.

The images were gathered by the RCMP as part of surveillance operations in 2004 and 2005 — and they were largely ignored until now.

Construction industry bosses were seen handing cash to Rizzuto or other Mafia types; there were also scenes from a Christmas party where businessmen and senior members of the Cosa Nostra exchanged affectionate two-cheek kisses.

The scenes were gathered by cameras hidden at an east-end Montreal "social club" that served as the Mafia's headquarters. Significant amounts of cash — as much as $20,000 at a time — exchanged hands.

The Mounties fought in court to keep from sharing the evidence, but Quebec's Charbonneau Commission won the court battle to access the footage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Operation Colisee

- Videos were shot during a five-year investigation that led to mass arrests in 2006 — the largest sweep against the Italian Mafia in Canadian history.
- The operation helped precipitate the decline of the Rizzuto empire, many of whose members are now in jail or dead.
- Vito Rizzuto, the most powerful member in the family when arrested in 2004, will be released from a U.S. prison Oct. 6.

Lawsuit settlement

UC to pay Occupy protesters $1M

The University of California has agreed to pay $1 million to settle a lawsuit filed by demonstrators who were pepper-sprayed during an Occupy protest at UC Davis last fall, according to a preliminary settlement filed Wednesday.

The Nov. 18, 2011, incident, during which a police officer casually dispensed orange pepper spray in the faces of non-violent protesters, prompted national outrage, angry campus protests and calls for the resignation of Chancellor Linda Katehi after online videos went viral.

Davis police use pepper spray to move protesters last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Under the settlement, UC would pay $30,000 to 21 plaintiffs and an additional $250,000 to their attorneys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Union convention

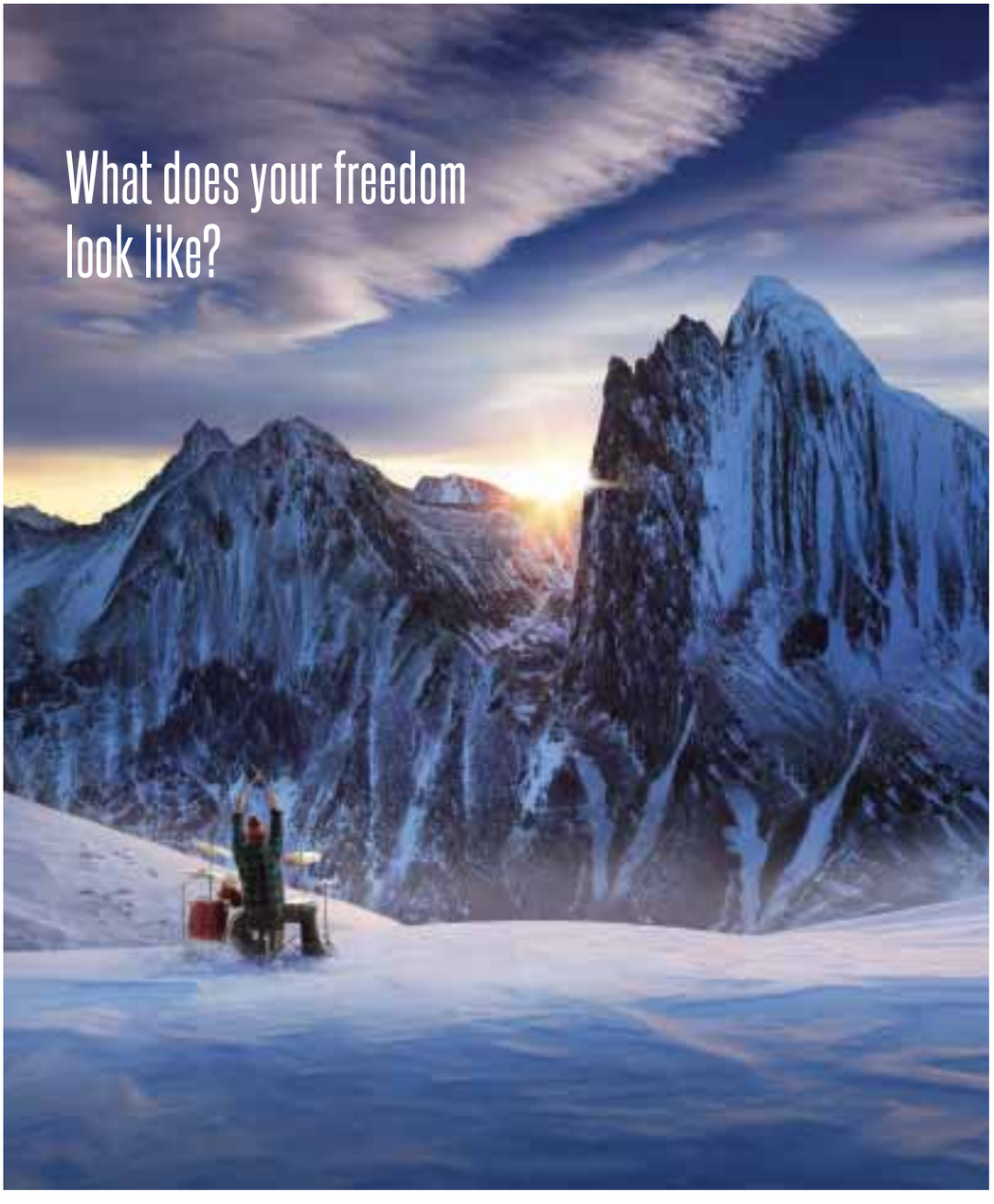
B.C. towns vote to decriminalize pot

British Columbia's municipal politicians have waded into the national marijuana debate by voting in favour of decriminalizing pot and studying the benefits of taxing and regulating it.

Mayors and councillors attending the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities convention were backed Wednesday by the Victoria-area community of Metchosin to support marijuana decriminalization during a stirring debate.

"I tried it when I was younger, and I turned out OK," said Prince George Coun. Brian Skakun.

The majority said it was time B.C. did something to counter the violent control organized crime has over the marijuana industry — estimated to be worth $7 billion annually. But Tom Siddon, a B.C. Interior regional district politician, said this would send the wrong message to young people. "This is not a remedy." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Iran's Ahmadinejad talks, Canadians walk out again

United Nations. Tensions run high at UN meeting only weeks after Canada closed embassy in Iran

Canadian diplomats walked out Wednesday as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad subjected the United Nations to more of his trademark political vitriol, but the Iranian president brushed off Canada's anti-Iran bent even as Tehran warned its citizens to avoid the country for fear of rampant "Iranophobia."

It wasn't the first time the Canadian delegation has walked out on Ahmadinejad — they did it last year and in 2009 at the United Nations annual gathering of world leaders.

But tensions are running higher than ever between the two countries after Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird shuttered Canada's embassy in Iran three weeks ago.

"We will not sit silently in our chairs and listen to Iran's hateful, anti-Western, anti-Semitic views," Baird's press secretary, Rick Roth, said.

"If anything, today's address only reinforces our decision earlier this month to suspend diplomatic relations with Iran."

Ahmadinejad was dismissive of Canada in a news conference following his speech to the UN.

"I fundamentally don't see this as a very important issue. Of course we did not have a substantial economic relationship with Canada," he said.

Ahmadinejad didn't mention Canada by name during his speech, but a statement was posted Wednesday by the Islamic Republic News Agency, Iran's official news agency. The statement, attributed to Iran's Foreign Ministry, warned Iranian citizens against travelling to Canada, citing "Islamophobia," "Iranophobia" and a "double standard" in Canada towards human rights.

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Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures at the United Nations General Assembly Wednesday. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis

Iran's leader politically wounded

Iran's president has no trouble making himself heard: rumbling through the UN's annual world gathering this week with comments bashing homosexuality, describing Israel as a doomed misfit in the Middle East and predicting a rising tide against U.S. "bullying."

On one point, however, he is mum — his plans after elections next June that will close out his second and final term.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has so far dodged questions about possible post-presidential roles with cryptic replies or inscrutable silence. Yet this much is clear: Despite his bravado at the UN and other international forums, he heads into the last months of his presidency politically wounded at home in the wake of damaging skirmishes with Iran's ruling system.

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Uruguay legalizes abortion in a squeaker vote

People in favour. President will allow it to become law if Senate approves; bill allows a legal abortion in first 12 weeks

Legislators have voted in Uruguay by a razor-thin margin to legalize abortion.

In Latin America, where the majority of people are Roman Catholic, no country except Cuba has made abortions accessible to all women during the first trimester of pregnancy.

The vote in Uruguay's Chamber of Deputies passed just before midnight Tuesday after several lawmakers on each side of the debate said they could not in good conscience go along with their parties, and allowed substitutes to vote in their stead.

President Jose Mujica says he will allow it to become law, if the Senate approves the changes.

The Senate already has approved an even more liberal version of the landmark abortion measure.

The Chamber of Deputies' legislation would give women the right to a legal abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and decriminalize later-term abortions when the mother's life is at risk or when the fetus is so deformed that it wouldn't survive after birth. In cases of rape, abortions would be legal during the first 14 weeks.

Deputy Pablo Abdala of the opposition National Party vowed Wednesday to promote a popular referendum to overturn the law, if Mujica doesn't veto it, calling the measure a violation of human rights.

However, polls suggest many more Uruguayans favour abortion rights than oppose them.

A survey this month showed 52 per cent of Uruguayans would vote to legalize abortion if the question were put to the people, while 34 per cent would vote against it. The survey was of 802 people.

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Passing by a single vote: Legislators voted 50-49 to legalize abortion in Uruguay.

German Catholics

Religious taxes must be paid to be in the church

Germany's top administrative court has ruled that Catholics who opt out of paying religious taxes must automatically leave the church as well.

The court's verdict Wednesday is a victory for the Catholic Church in Germany, which receives more than $5.14 billion annually from a surcharge of up to nine per cent on income-tax bills of registered Catholics. Germany's bishops announced last week that believers who refuse to pay the tax won't be able to receive the sacraments, become godparents or have a religious funeral.

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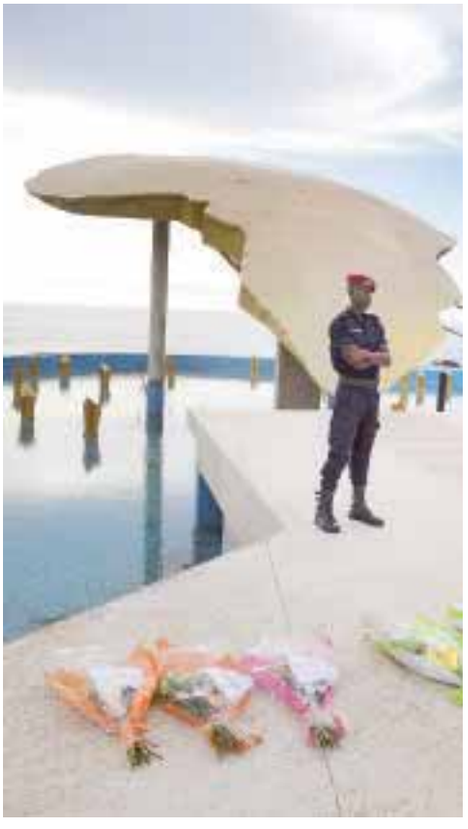
Indian Kashmir

Cops use batons on paramedics

Police in Indian-controlled Kashmir used batons to disperse hundreds of female paramedic students protesting recent exam results.

The students were demanding that their tests be rechecked after nearly 5,000 students out of 7,000 failed. Police said at least four students were injured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Remembering the Joola 10 years on

Bouquets of flowers lie in front of a sculpture of the African continent at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, following a ceremony commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 2002 Joola ferry disaster, in Dakar, Senegal, Wednesday. With an official death toll of 1,863 and just 64 survivors, the Joola remains one of the deadliest disasters in maritime history. REBECCA BLACKWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ambrose feels pro-life heat

Bill defeated. But Status of women minister criticized after she votes in favour of it

A Tory MP's landmark pro-life bid was defeated in the House of Commons on Wednesday night — and the prime minister helped torpedo it.

Stephen Harper voted against the motion to have Parliament study the definition of a human being.

But 10 ministers voted to keep the debate alive.

Status of Women Minister Rona Ambrose was among the cabinet members who rose to vote in favour of Stephen Woodworth's private motion — and was roundly criticized for it.

"It's unacceptable," said NDP MP Niki Ashton.

"Stephen Harper told us his government wasn't willing to reopen the debate and you have the minister in charge of the status of women voting (in favour)."

She said it raises questions whether Ambrose should retain her duties.

"I think it's shameful that the minister … in charge of moving forward on women's equality today stood up in the House to essentially attack a woman's right to choose."

The motion was defeated by a vote of 203-91.

Harper had called Woodworth's motion "unfortunate," and said he would vote against it because of his electoral commitment to not re-open the abortion debate.

But more than 80 Conservative MPs did not appear to view their vote as a contradiction to the election promise.

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"Mr. Harper can't have it both ways. He can't claim that he's against reopening the abortion debate and having a sitting minister vote in favour of reopening the abortion debate."

Thomas Mulcair,
NDP leader

Status of Women minister Rona Ambrose, pictured on Monday, voted in favour of the controversial pro-life motion on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Woodworth

MP wants to protect the unborn

When does human life begin?

Currently, the Criminal Code of Canada defines a child as a human only after it emerges alive from the mother's body at birth.

Stephen Woodworth, below, and his supporters point out that the landmark 1988 ruling confirming abortion rights in Canada also noted the potential need to protect unborn babies at some point during a pregnancy.

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Will Justin jump in? Trudeau plays coy

Justin Trudeau's star power was vividly on display Wednesday as reports of his imminent entry into the Liberal leadership race sparked a media frenzy on Parliament Hill.

But the 40-year-old Montreal MP coyly refused to confirm or deny reports he'll announce his leadership bid Tuesday.

A phalanx of television cameras and outstretched microphones besieged Liberals outside their usually quiet weekly caucus meeting.

It was a testament to Trudeau's magnetic ability to attract attention.

"Thank you very much for your interest," he said on his way out of the meeting.

"I'm pleased to hear all the buzz and all the interest in the Liberal party's fortunes.

"But I have nothing further today … I promise I will let you know when I have something to announce."

Liberals are desperate to avoid sinking into oblivion after being battered in the 2011 election.

That has made Trudeau the virtual front-runner in a leadership race that hasn't yet officially begun.

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The Trudeau tempest: Justin negotiates a microphone maze as he enters a Liberal caucus meeting on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. Reports of his imminent entry into the Liberal leadership race sparked a media frenzy. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The man

Some folksy facts about Justin Trudeau, the son of Liberal icon and former prime minister Pierre Trudeau:

- **Birth.** He was born on Christmas Day, 1971. Brother Sacha was born two years later on the same day.
- **Marriage.** He is married to former Quebec TV personality and model Sophie Grégoire. They have two children.
- **Politics.** In a 2012 interview, he said he would consider sovereignty for Quebec if he believed Canada was becoming "Stephen Harper's Canada."

Red Bull heir pays off family of cop he killed

Common practice.
Vorayuth still faces criminal charges after hitting victim with his Ferrari in Bangkok and dragging his body

The billionaire family of a Red Bull energy-drink heir accused of killing a police officer in a hit-and-run accident paid the officer's siblings about $100,000 in a deal aimed at avoiding a civil lawsuit, police said Wednesday.

Vorayuth Yoovidhya, 27, is charged with driving a Ferrari that struck the officer and dragged his body down a Bangkok street earlier this month.

Vorayuth Yoovidhya was taken into custody last month after driving into a Bangkok cop. AP FILE

The Yoovidhya family paid the officer's siblings 3 million baht ($97,000 US) last week, police Lt.-Col. Viradon Thubthimdee said. He said the settlement will protect Vorayuth from a civil lawsuit.

"We sometimes call this a 'funeral fee.' If the victim's party is satisfied with the amount of money, then they will not seek compensation through a court," Viradon said.

The payment, however, does not protect Vorayuth from criminal charges of causing death by reckless driving and fleeing to avoid arrest. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in jail and a fine of 20,000 baht ($666).

The payment from the extremely wealthy family is also unlikely to quell public outrage over the incident and an initial attempt to cover up Vorayuth's alleged involvement by arresting a bogus suspect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not-so-basic training

Firsts responders approach a sunken car during a training exercise in Pemberton, B.C., Wednesday. Emergency personnel from across western Canada were in Pemberton to take part in a vehicles-in-water training exercise — the first of its kind in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JONATHAN HAYWARD

Demoted

Ottawa cop uses database to stalk

An Ottawa police officer has been reprimanded for repeatedly accessing police databases to snoop on a former lover's partner and friends.

Staff Sgt. Lyse Fournier was demoted to the rank of sergeant for seven months after she pleaded guilty to two counts of insubordination under the Police Services Act.

Fournier admits to using the Canadian Police Information Centre and Record Management System records 169 times for non-employment-related reasons between January of 2005 and December of 2008.

The senior officer hearing the case says it appears Fournier became so wrapped up in her personal issues that she was blind to her obligations to the police service.
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Massachusetts

Sex change for killer on state tab

Officials in Massachusetts plan to appeal a judge's decision to grant a convicted murderer's request for sex reassignment surgery. Michelle Kosilek was named Robert when convicted of a 1990 murder. U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled in favour of Kosilek's surgery request. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Readership numbers. Metro makes a splash in Winnipeg

It's official: Winnipeggers love their Metro. In fact, according to results released yesterday, the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank) pegs Metro Winnipeg daily readership at 72,700.

"This is terrific news," says Steve Shrout, Vice President and Group Publisher, Metro Western Canada. "We knew Winnipeggers would respond to Metro when we launched in April 2011 — and these numbers speak to the vital role Metro plays in delivering the news Winnipeggers want. We especially recognize the support of our readers, advertisers and staff in helping us realize this kind of growth."

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"These results confirm the power of the Metro brand to deliver the news youthful, active metropolitans want," says Bill McDonald, President of Metro English Canada.

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By the numbers

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MySpace makeover. Site looks to Timberlake for comeback

MySpace, the once-mighty social network-turned entertainment site, is trying to stage yet another comeback with the help of Justin Timberlake.

The company posted a video this week that teases the New Myspace and lets people sign up for invitations to join. Based on the video, the new site looks like an entertainment-focused version of Pinterest, with a dash of Twitter and Facebook.

But Myspace has tried redesigns before to no avail, so it's not clear if the makeover will help. Timberlake, who is featured in the video, will likely play a big part in the revamp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

$35M

Pop star Justin Timberlake and a group of other investors bought MySpace last year from News Corp. for $35 million US, mostly in stock.

Wanna take it outside? Take it online instead

'Wisdom of the crowd.' Dispute-resolution sites provide individuals and businesses with a faster, low-cost means for settling conflicts

The website eQuibbly is seen Wednesday in Montreal. It lets people bring their personal and business disputes online. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Never mind telling your side of the story in court, or to your best friend. Cyber justice is starting to be dispensed to resolve civil disputes and personal disagreements. Sometimes it's left to ordinary folks to vote on winners and losers.

Take eQuibbly, for example. It lets people bring their personal and business disputes online — anything from complaints about loud music to boyfriends ogling other women to how restaurant tips should be shared.

Founder and president Lance Soskin cites the case of the ogling boyfriend and noted that people agreed with his fiancée that he should concentrate on her when they're out together.

"He responded with, 'Well I gave up my porn for her' and he thought that was quite an achievement," Soskin said from Toronto. "Eventually people on the site just convinced him he was being rude and uncouth."

Participants read both sides of an argument and vote on who wins the dispute, which Soskin called "crowd voting." The web application is free to its users and obviously does not deal with criminal cases or more serious matters like divorce.

Technology analyst Duncan Stewart said theoretically the "crowd" should be impartial. "There's this whole wisdom of the crowd thing — a million people know more than one person no matter how smart that one person is," said Stewart, director of Deloitte Canada Research for Technology, Media and Telecommunications.

"People are voluntarily contributing to the public good."

Stewart said eQuibbly does what has been done informally for years and added "even things that might be settled by the courts might start being settled by the crowd because they're better."

EQuibbly has a more serious side, though, which allows individuals and businesses to agree to a debate with a binding resolution.

Soskin sees shortfalls in the justice system that online dispute resolution might solve. The justice system is somewhat biased toward people who have money and time, he said.

"You can't go to court for a few hundred dollars," he said. "Most of the court systems in the U.S. and Canada are backlogged with thousands upon thousands of cases."

The British Columbia government announced in May that it will set up an online tribunal to help people solve small civil claims outside court. It's expected to be in place by 2013-14 and save money on travel time and court costs.

"Once online dispute resolution is started, ongoing participation would be mandatory until a voluntary or binding settlement was reached," the B.C. government has said about the service.

There's also mylegalbriefcase.com, which helps guide people through Ontario's small claims court system.

Associate Prof. Erik Knutsen of Queen's University said concerns have been raised in the legal community that individuals could either lose some of their rights or not be aware of their rights by having disputes resolved online.

But Knutsen said it's important to try to unclog the system and not have people wait a couple of years to get a resolution. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"You can't go to court for a few hundred dollars. Most of the court systems in the U.S. and Canada are backlogged with thousands upon thousands of cases." Lance Soskin, founder and president of eQuibbly

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Porking out. British farm group forecasts worldwide bacon shortage for 2013

A British farming organization is predicting a worldwide shortage of bacon and pork next year.

The National Pig Association says global drought conditions are driving up the price of grain, a major staple in hog feed. It says pig farmers around the world are selling their herds because retail prices are not rising fast enough to cover the cost of record-high pig-feed costs.

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In the U.S., the government has introduced a pork-buying program in a bid to keep its pig farmers in business. And the Chinese government is putting pork into cold storage, as a buffer against shortages and high prices next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A (BLOODY) THUMB GOES UP, A CAR GOES BY...

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

After years of hitchhiking, my biggest tip is to never thumb with a bloody hand.

You might think that's stupid advice, perhaps suitable for some creature that doesn't even have opposable thumbs (which is why dogs so rarely hitchhike).

But, trust me, it's important.

Recently I've been hitchhiking Iceland, the country that leads the world in tourist spots that can actively kill you. (Typical sign: Welcome! Beware of steam explosions!)

I was on the one-lane "highway" heading from some death-by-ice attraction to some death-by-fire one, and several cars passed me. Not a big deal, but I decided to do my mental hitchhiking checklist.

Hitchin' a ride

"I did have a first aid kit with me, but I forgot the first rule of first aid: Remember that you have a first aid kit with you."

- Standing where visible but too difficult to hit for points? Good.
- Eyes conveying 'Don't hate me, I'm not American'? Check.
- Looking outdoorsy but not serial-killersy? Whoops.

This is when I noticed my hand. A hangnail — throbbing from cold weather and gushing from a blood disorder I have — meant my right hand had gone all Carrie White. I looked like maybe I had pulled a Temple of Doom on one of the sheep wandering the roadside.

I did have a first aid kit with me, but I forgot the first rule of first aid: Remember that you have a first aid kit with you.

Instead, I followed my memory from Boy Scouts and put a wet, woolen glove over top of it, which is probably what they would recommend. I'm not sure because I quit during Beavers.

After performing the medical equivalent of putting duct tape over the 'service engine' light, somebody eventually stopped. I don't think the driver was unnerved when he heard, "Don't be alarmed but there's a lot of blood on my hand." The nervous giggle afterward may have given him pause, though.

Thankfully it all worked out. It always does.

People are always talking about how dangerous hitchhiking is, and the travel book I brought — the offices of which are clearly ringed by rabid lawyers — goes so far as to say hitchhiking is 'not rewarding.' Of course hitchhiking has its dangers, but it seems a paranoid stance in a place where you're encouraged to swim in fault lines and volcanoes.

Hitching is one of the best ways to meet locals, it's cheap, and it's like love — when you find what you were looking for, you forget instantly about the long wait that came before.

Maybe the best thing about hitchhiking is that it's much easier than it seems. It's rare that something so easy to do elicits such instant wonder in people who never try it.

But the secret's out now, I suppose, so if you've never considered it before feel free to sully your virgin thumb. Get a written sign if you like, stand in a straightaway where drivers have enough time to decide to stop, and wear bright colours for safety's sake. I find a nice blood red really catches the eye.

Rule of thumb: Conceal the blood. ISTOCK

Who's at the wheel?

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Google auto

Driverless car gets green light

A driverless car is seen at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google has been developing autonomous car technology and lobbying for the regulations for years.

The company says autonomous cars can make roads safer, free commuters from the drudgery of driving and reduce congestion.

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This many clicks

483,000

Google's fleet of a dozen computer-controlled vehicles — mostly Toyota Priuses equipped with self-driving technology — has logged more than 483,000 kilometres of self-driving without an accident, the company said.

Signed, sealed, driven

Legislation paves way for technology

Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation earlier this week that will pave the way for driverless cars in California.

The legislation requires the California Department of Motor Vehicles to draft regulations for autonomous vehicles by Jan. 1, 2015. Currently, state law doesn't mention self-driving cars because the technology is so new.

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Drivers wanted

- Autonomous cars use computers, sensors and other technology to operate independently, but a "driver" can override the autopilot function any time.
- The regulations would allow vehicles to operate autonomously, but a licensed driver would still need to sit behind the wheel to serve as a backup operator.

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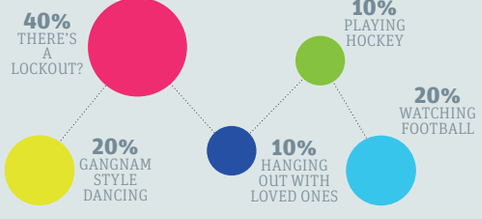
What will you replace watching hockey with during the NHL lockout?



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Barely double-digit temps this morning in #Winnipeg, but I'm riding my bike #today.

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Am I the only one that finds postage tracking fun? My package is in winnipeg now... What a rush.

@kellyworks: ●●●○○
Thick frost on my car this am and a high of 23. Oh #Winnipeg, you make it hard to dress for the weather, but I do love this time of year.

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Just saw a woman in a "sars" mask by Portage and Main... #Winnipeg Why is everyone who lives here so weird?

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Nat. media, if you do not provide a timeline of Trudeau's no/dunno/maybe/yes quotes as soon as this is official, I'll be very disappointed.

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Kathleen Edwards moved away from her alt-country sound to a more indie-rock vibe on her latest album. HANDOUT

Kathleen Edwards takes a risk with her latest album

Voyageur. Fourth studio disc has singer detailing the dissolution of her marriage

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For her fourth studio album, Voyageur, Canadian singer-songwriter Kathleen Edwards decided to shed her alt-country sound in favour of an atmospheric indie-rock vibe.

"I wanted to make a record that was a little more representative of the identity I feel I currently have musically," Edwards, 34, says, over the phone from Toronto.

"I started out being a very Americana, alt-country girl. I wore that on my sleeve. I love the pedal steel, I love all that stuff, so it was inevitable I would be categorized as such. However, you change, your tastes change and I just wanted to make a record that was better representative of who I think I am now musically, which is more than just a girl who has videos on CMT."

Edwards credits producer Justin Vernon (frontman of Bon Iver), band members Jim Bryson, Gord Tough and Lyle Molzan and co-writers such as Seattle-based musician John Roderick with helping her to move in a different direction. She says these people also helped facilitate the personal nature of her lyrics. In 2010, Edwards and her husband/longtime collaborator Colin Cripps were divorced and much of Voyageur details the dissolution of their marriage.

"Making the record I felt very safe because I was with people who knew me well," Edwards says. "Getting up on stage with these songs though has proved to be a more difficult experience. I definitely didn't see that coming, that suddenly I'd be on stage singing Pink Champagne and feeling like I want to crawl out of my skin and play a Britney Spears cover."

"It's been hard but I don't regret it. I'd rather make a record that was true and real to me than go on stage every night and sing something I don't feel or know."

Voyageur might be Edwards most personal, distinctive and arguably best album — it was shortlisted for the 2012 Polaris Music Prize — but she still gets a kick out of her back catalogue. "It's like putting on a really great pair of old jeans," Edwards says of playing her old songs live. "It's the exhale in the set for me, the time I get to sit back and play songs that people are really happy to hear and I'm happy to play them. I'm not trying to distance myself from the music I've done, I just wanted to challenge myself to do something different."

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Kathleen Edwards
On singing personal lyrics about a breakup

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Don't hate him for being the Bachelor

Looking for love. Former CFL player Brad Smith just wants to find the right woman — with whom he can build a life

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
Metro Vancouver

Brad Smith doesn't care if you hate on him for choosing to search for love in a different way.

The former CFL wide receiver-turned-first Bachelor Canada just wants to find someone to start his life with.

"When you go in and see 25 girls, you're not looking to love all 25," Smith said Wednesday.

"You're just looking for that one who's going to be with you until the end and that's all that matters."

"You just have to be in the best situation to know yourself and what works for you so you can find that person," he added.

"If she's not there, then don't pick anybody."

The show hasn't even started yet, but the 28-year-old already has his fair share of haters and critics.

"I don't care (about) being made fun of or chirped," he said.

"I understand that comes with the ground. People are just naturally not going to like the fact that you've chosen to do this because they don't believe in it."

But he adds that there are twice as many who are totally behind him in his quest for love on a reality TV show, including his family (his dad is former CFL commissioner and senator Larry Smith) and his CFL buddies.

"I've got almost half of the Edmonton Eskimos team that are going to go my buddy's house to watch it every Wednesday night just because they're so excited," he said.

"They can make fun all they want, but they'll be there to support you. That's what boys are for."

The show won't be without the usual hot tub moments and kissing sessions, and Smith admits it'll be an "intensely awkward situation" for his parents to watch.

"But they understand that it's part of the process and they're cool with it," he said.

Quoted

"When you go in and see 25 girls, you're not looking to love all 25. You're just looking for that one who's going to be with you until the end and that's all that matters."

Canada's Bachelor Brad Smith, former CFL wide receiver for the Edmonton Eskimos

Survey says

A new survey from Match.com, an online dating site, reveals that, unlike the 25 lucky ladies who will be battling for the heart of the Bachelor Canada, less than one in 10 Canadian women would go on a reality series to find love. In fact, most single Canucks (45 per cent) believe a first date on national television would be the most intimidating type of romantic rendezvous. Match.com dove into their vault of Canadian data to determine which contestant is most likely to win Brad's heart — at least according to statistics.

- **Blondes rule.** Single Canadian chaps (41 per cent) prefer flaxen-haired females over brunettes and redheads, and 46 per cent of men prefer women who have "medium" length hair. Lucky for the brown-haired Bachelor, the opposite is true of Canadian women. The majority of single ladies (54 per cent) swoon over brown-haired men.
- **No jock love.** The football-playing Bachelor might not be so fortunate in the job department. Only seven per cent of single Canadian women think being an athlete is an attractive profession. Those contestants that are in the medical field or are self-employed may have a leg up; these are the two sexiest professions, according to single Canadian men.
- **Singles still believe.** An overwhelming 76 per cent of Canadian singles believe in soul mates.

And in America...

The next U.S. Bachelor is Sean Lowe, a former Kansas State linebacker. HANDOUT

ABC says the next star of The Bachelor will be Sean Lowe, who was dumped on The Bachelorette. The network says the 28-year-old Dallas businessman will be the one doing the choosing when The Bachelor returns for its 17th edition. On the eighth edition of The Bachelorette, Lowe confessed his love for Emily Maynard but was eliminated just before the finale. ABC says Lowe is ready to look for love again. The 6-foot-3 Texan was a linebacker for Kansas State and worked in finance and insurance before starting a custom furniture business. The Bachelor returns in January.

Details

- **The Bachelor Canada.** Premieres Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 9 p.m. EST/PT on Citytv. (Following the premiere, the series moves to its regular time slot Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. EST/PST, beginning October 10.

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Homicide star returning to television with Last Resort

Military thriller. A rogue submarine captain finds himself on the run from the U.S. army after a major missile incident

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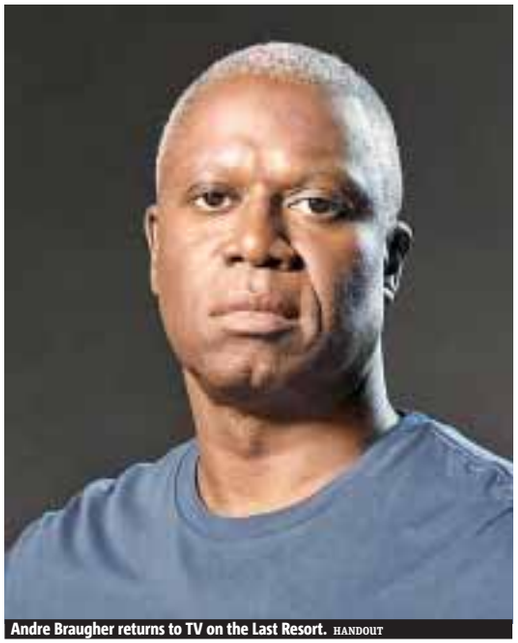

Andre Braugher returns to TV on the Last Resort. HANDOUT

Veteran actor Andre Braugher returns to TV with Last Resort, an intriguing military thriller about a submarine captain who questions an order to launch nuclear missiles at Pakistan — only to have his sub fired upon by his own country. Braugher's Capt. Chaplin and crew seek refuge on an island in French Polynesia, making a stand against the country they used to fight for.

Toward the end of the first episode, Scott Speedman's character compliments your character for delivering a message with "just the right amount of crazy." What is the right amount of crazy?

You know, I don't think he's crazy, but he's in grief, and grieving people do crazy things. He's lost a wife, we learn that he's lost a son. He's lost everything he thought he was because he wasn't willing to kill potentially innocent people. And now he's a traitor. And he's grieving and he's betrayed. Part of it is a game and part of it is true. Part of it is a mask and part of it is truth, you know? So I don't know. I don't know from moment to moment exactly how crazy he is. I know that there's a wily trickster aspect to Chaplin. It's like a Jenga game. He's the kind of guy who knows which blocks to pull in order to either maintain or collapse. Crazy? Maybe, I don't know.

What made you want to come onboard with this show and play this character?
He's a complicated man who wants to do things in the right way — and not because he's persnickety but because there are lives at stake. One of things that's most important to the show-runners as well as to me is that these are not some closet peaceniks who decided, 'Well, now that we have a shoot order, we're going to disobey it.' If this order had come through the right way, they would've launched the missiles without delay. I was intrigued by his desire to do things right and to be judged credibly by history rather than be the guy who killed a million people because he didn't have enough balls to ask the right questions.

The premise puts your character in a pretty high-pressure, precarious situation. How will the show sustain itself for an entire season like that?
Well, there's the enemy without and the enemy within. I don't know from which episode to which episode it will be. Our human nature is going to exert itself, and how we're going to reorganize ourselves — I don't know who's going to live and who's going to die. Sam (played by Speedman) and I are eventually going to be at odds because we're thinking differently about the world. It's difficult to live with a man who has nothing to lose because the potential for him giving shocking orders rises because there's nobody on the other end.

Have you given any thought to putting down roots in Hawaii, where the show shoots?
We're definitely not putting down roots. I mean, I've got one boy in high school and one boy in grade school, and so my wife is holding down the fort in New Jersey. And until this is definitively a smash hit, nobody's moving. That's just the way it is. Ideally, this is going to be an eight-month gig this year in doing the 22 episodes, but as it stands right now it's basically just one 5,000-mile commute.

So now it's the week of the show's premiere. What's this week like for you?
I'm hoping for an enthusiastic response, but like any nervous parent, I'm waiting for the event.

New television show

Where can you find it and when does the show kickoff?

- **New series.** The Last Resort premieres tonight on Global TV.
- **Good reception.** While a show can hardly be considered a hit before it has even aired, the early reviews of it have been strong. But Braugher and the cast are resisting celebrating before they see the ratings.

Lucy Liu Watson stars in Elementary, a new show that airs on Global. HANDOUT

Other new shows you don't want to miss

AMBER M RAY
Metro World News

What else is on TV that may pique your interest this fall? Add these shows to your regular rotation of viewing if you're looking for something new.

Elementary
Jonny Lee Miller is Sherlock and Lucy Liu Watson in this update on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective.
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Beauty and the Beast
This is less Disney and more monster soap opera of the '80s.

The CW version is considered a reboot of the Beauty and the Beast fairy tale starring Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman, with Kristin Kreuk and Jay Ryan playing modern takes on the Catherine and Vincent characters.

Kreuk is an NYPD detective who has crossed paths with Ryan's mysterious doctor in the past — in his "creature" state, he once saved her life.

She reconnects with him, even though he was reportedly killed by enemy fire while serving in Afghanistan
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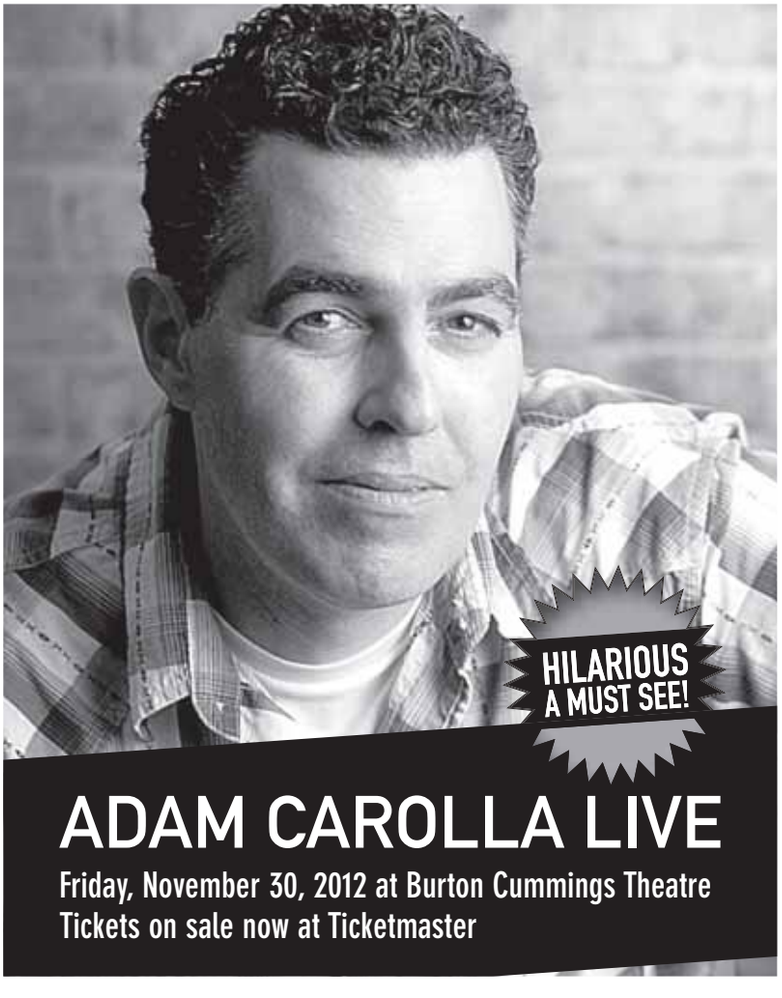
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Harmonic convergence at Crossroads

Country music meets folk-rock resurgence. Emmylou Harris, Mumford & Sons make sweet music on popular TV show

CMT Crossroads stars Mumford & Sons, Country Winston Marshall, Ben Lovett, Marcus Mumford and Ted Dwane with Emmylou Harris . RICK DIAMOND/GETTY IMAGES

Emmylou Harris loves Mumford & Sons for a special reason.

"They're making the banjo respectable, which is not an easy feat, and I'm so glad it's finally happening," Harris joked.

Harris, an iconic singer and member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, and Mumford & Sons, platinum-selling lads from London who have sparked a folk-rock resurgence, are joining together to explore their shared love of high harmony, sad songs and, yes, the oft-belittled banjo on an episode of CMT Crossroads on Thursday night.

The Nashville-based Harris had only briefly met lead singer Marcus Mumford before agreeing to do the show based on the waves they created in the music world. They co-ordinated song choices by phone and got together to rehearse for a little more than a day before recording the show earlier this month.

It was a crash course in catalogue consumption and the chance to get to know each other.

"They're great harmony (singers) and they've got this great driving groove with a minimalist instrumentation," Harris said. "But they just sound good and the songs have beautiful melodies and I love harmonizing on them."

She said it proves her theory that music is going to keep reinventing itself in good ways.

"You don't have to repeat the past. We learn from the past, but we have to come forward with something different and there are just so many different combinations to make good music that touches people," she said.

Harris, 65, was among the gateway artists who helped Mumford and bandmates Ben Lovett, Ted Dwane and Winston Marshall discover their love for American roots music. It started with the O Brother, Where Art Thou? soundtrack. Harris appeared with Gillian Welch and Alison Krauss on the memorable song Didn't Leave Nobody but the Baby. That eventually led them to the Old Crow Medicine Show and then deep immersion in old-timey sounds from America's long-neglected past.

They ran across Harris' imprint many times along the way, and with the help of dobro master Jerry Douglas, they help explore that legacy on the show.

"Pretty much every song that Emmylou has sung on is my favourite song of whichever artist she sang with," Mumford said. "I'm like an obsessive Emmylou Harris freak and I'm not ashamed."

In turn, the quartet has helped shine a light on the influence Harris and the extensive roots underground still exerts. The band, which releases their new album, Babel, this week, were a growing success story in that community when they appeared on the 2011 Grammy Awards with Bob Dylan and the Avett Brothers, launching Mumford & Sons into the national popular consciousness. Their album Sigh No More is now double platinum and Babel is one of the year's most anticipated albums.

"For us, it's kind of a bit of a dream come true," Dwane said. "We'd never thought we'd get to travel so extensively, meet our heroes and collaborate with so many people." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Storytelling for the modern era from a modern woman

Unlucky in love OB-GYN. The Mindy Project brings a fresh take on relations with a new sitcom on CityTv

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

Mindy Kaling proved herself a likable dreamer with her best-selling collection of memoir-like humour essays, Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns), and in her role as the ditzy romantic, Kelly, on The Office.

She brings her unapologetic take on the modern young woman to CityTv as creator and star of The Mindy Project, following a dedicated OB-GYN (Kaling) who is way more successful in the operating room than the bedroom. We sat down with Kaling and focused on the positives — like getting her own show.

Need to know

She has been working on this for a long time.

- **When does it air?** You can find it on CityTv and airs on Tuesdays.

Tell us why the great at her job, terrible at love device in the show isn't cliché.

The thing that I learned from The Office is (storytelling is about) execution.

I want to see two people fall in love.

I want to see two people learn how to be better people. It's old-fashioned, but I feel like that's the kind of stories that people want to see, and they want it so badly, they'll even see it when it's terrible.

But it's more than that, no?

How to balance work and personal life, that's the single biggest issue that my friends talk about.

Somebody might think it's cliché; then my life is a cliché.

Mindy Kaling brings a new look to CityTv with her show The Mindy Project. HANDOUT

Five Facts on J.K. Rowling's new wizard-free novel

The Casual Vacancy.
British author's first foray into adult fiction is expected to top the best-sellers list, despite her uncertainty

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Today marks the release of J.K. Rowling's The Casual Vacancy, her first book since the mega success of the Harry Potter franchise and her first foray into adult fiction. But details on the novel have been maddeningly hard to come by. Here's what we do know:

1. The plot is sprawling — and centres around death and politics
From what little information about the actual content of The Casual Vacancy that has been released, we know the story kicks off with the death of one Barry Fairbrother, a town council member in a seemingly perfect English village that's actually brimming with resentment and discord. The resulting election drama deals in class warfare, prostitution, heroin addiction and scandal — very un-Potter-like themes.

Quoted

"...If everyone says, 'Well, that's shockingly bad — back to wizards with you,' then obviously I won't be throwing a party. But I will live."
J.K Rowling

2. Hardly anyone has read it.
As interviewer Decca Aitkenhead notes in her profile of Rowling for the Guardian, even the novel's publishers hadn't been allowed to read it at the time of her interview — and Aitkenhead had to sign a raft of nondisclosure forms just to get her hands on it.

3. She's not worried about bad reviews.
"I just needed to write this book. I like it a lot, I'm proud of it, and that counts for me," Rowling tells the Guardian. But still: "The worst that can happen is that everyone says, 'Well, that was dreadful, she should have stuck to writing for kids,' and I can take that. SO, yeah. I'll put it out there, and if everyone says, 'Well, that's shockingly bad — back to wizards with you,' then obviously I won't be throwing a party. But I will live."

4. She doesn't look back on her teen years fondly.
Despite making a fortune chronicling a fantastical adolescence, Rowling didn't quite enjoy her youth — spent in an area very much like the fictitious town featured in The Casual Vacancy. In fact, she based the troubled teens featured in the novel on her own experiences and friends. "This was very much me vividly remembering what it was like to be a teenager, and it wasn't a particularly happy time in my life," she tells the Guardian. "In fact, you couldn't give me anything to make me go back to being a teenager. Never. No, I hated it."

5. Shockingly, it's expected to sell well.
Before its release, The Casual Vacancy spent more than 80 days in the top 100 of Amazon.com's sales ranks, hovering near the top as this week drew closer, and the book has already received more than 1 million pre-orders in the U.K. British bookseller Waterstones expects The Causal Vacancy to be "the best-selling fiction title this year."

J.K. Rowling ventures into adult themes like warfare, prostitution, heroin addiction and scandal in her new book. DEBRA HURFORD BROWN.

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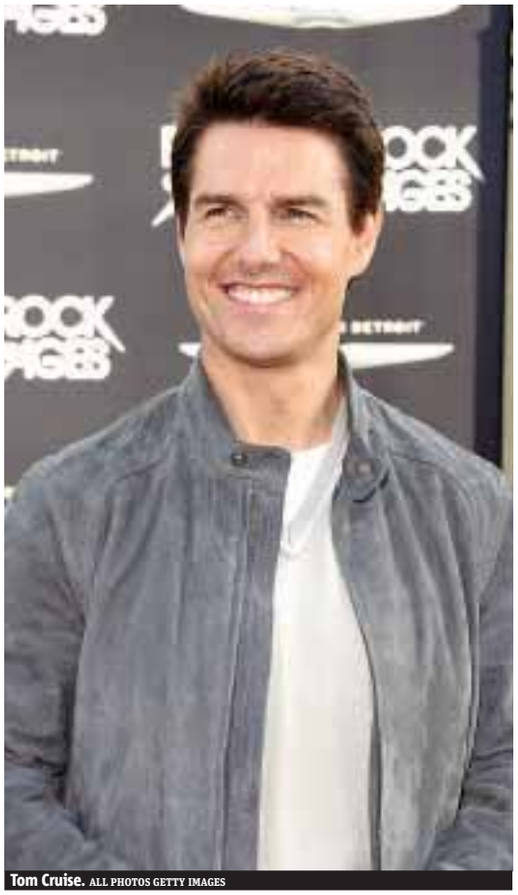

Tom Cruise. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tom Cruise struggling with divorce

Tom Cruise is reportedly struggling with the stress of a busy work schedule that's keeping him in London and his daughter, Suri, living with soon-to-be ex-wife Katie Holmes in New York.

"I've got to see her," an emotional Cruise reportedly told a friend recently, according to People magazine. "I miss her."

Cruise last spent time with his 6-year-old daughter on August 5, and a mid-September trip to London for the girl was reportedly called off.

Still, despite the struggle for face-time, the actor is still keeping his daughter as a priority.

"I can tell you that I haven't had a meeting with Tom that was not interrupted by a phone call with his daughter," his friend, screenwriter Christopher McQuarrie said.

Quote

"I've got to see her. I miss her."

Tom Cruise
Talking about his daughter.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Reality television plots not real; sky still blue

THE WORD
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The new issue of Us Weekly has a very entertaining cover story on how Bachelorette stars Emily Maynard and Jef Holm are faking their engagement.

I know, I know, It's hard to believe that two fame junkies pretended to be together on a rigged reality TV show to gain attention, but stay with me here.

Apparently, Holm's former girlfriend and current hook-up buddy (whom he was dating when he went on The Bachelorette) went into tell-all mode to Us Weekly.

The ex, Kaylee Shepherd, says that Holm revealed to her that he and Maynard are faking it. In August, a texting scandal hit — Maynard was caught sexting with another man, which Us Weekly, the Woodward and Bernstein of tabloids, uncovered.

Maynard, desperate to preserve her good girl image, hatched a plan to pay off Holm with half of her Bachelorette money.

"Jef said their relationship isn't what it seems. It's all basically for TV," Shepherd tells Us.

It's all basically for TV?

You don't say. Next thing you know, you'll be telling me some actors and actresses get plastic surgery and take too many prescription drugs in order to fill the dark void that being famous created. Stop ruining my happy place, Us Weekly.

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Pattinson moving back in with Stewart

It looks like the reconciliation between Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson is complete, as Pattinson has reportedly moved back into the Los Angeles home they share, according to Us Weekly.

"They are living together and have reconciled," a source says, explaining that the pair recently "had a dramatic make-up."

But their relationship may still be on shaky ground in the wake of Stewart's cheating scandal, as the source says Pattinson "is extra-sensitive now. He's insecure."

Twitter

@kerrywashington
I met a very cute lizard today that needs a name. Suggestions?

@chelseahandler
I'm done with juice cleanses. I'm ditching gluten and dairy because apparently, I'm allergic to all things that give pleasure

@SethMacFarlane
Hey 30-year-old skating to work on a longboard: the world is sadder than you seem to realize. We had a 9/11 and everything.

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Mamma mia, Milan!

Drawing inspiration from Art Nouveau, vintage cinema, the streets of Sicily and the '60s, designers who debuted their wears at Milan Fashion Week made us pine for a sparkling spring to come

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Roberto Cavalli

Roberto Cavalli's strong references to swirly Art Nouveau prints could be read as a homage to female beauty. The impressive all-white opening — which included a short sleeve crocodile jacket, embroidered lace tunic, draped fringe pants, a crisply tailored jacket and trousers — was the perfect primer for the decadently intricate collection that followed. The silhouettes were sophisticated, clean, elongated, flowy and, as is customary with Cavalli, tastefully racy.

Moschino

For SS13, Moschino's Rossella Jardini drew inspiration from a patchwork of two films, namely Casino and Two for the Road. The result: everything went minimal from geometric lines to strong graphic elements. For colour, the brand references its iconic black-and-white combo and for brights pays homage to the colourful textiles of Ken Scott, a textile designer who lived in Italy for many years. There was a nod to the '60s too, with dress coats, cutout dresses, cropped trouser suits, trompe l'oeil shirt dresses, and bold stripes.

Versace

Donatella Versace showed a collection of strong tailoring and lingerie dressing in a colour palette of black, orange, blue, turquoise and nude. Classic menswear-inspired blazers were softened to a relaxed fit and adorned with lace inserts and cutouts. Slip dresses in crushed silk or tie-dye came slashed and held together with crisscross lacing, which also appeared on ultra-cool skinny trousers. For evening, sweeping chiffon gowns embellished with silver and gold fringing will surely sizzle on the red carpets.

Dolce & Gabbana

Have you ever been to Taormina in Sicily? No? Well, let Dolce & Gabbana take you there with their fun and colourful Spring 2013 collection. The duo took the audience from the Sicilian street theaters: wheelbarrows, elaborate wheels and Caltagirone ceramic heads to sun-drenched beaches with trendy beach umbrella and sunbed-style stripe pieces arriving in organza, rough, printed cotton, gold brocade and even Sicilian basket-esque raffia skirts and bustiers.

Giorgio Armani

Luminous and optimistic: the opening silk pearl-grey looks, all shown with trousers (wide and straight leg), arrived as a cloud's metaphorical silver lining. White shorts styled with soft-fitted jackets are unexpected but are nevertheless a special touch to this dressy collection. However, it was the evening wear that was gushingly beautiful with sparkly sequin beaded palazzo pants, shifts, jumpsuits, long-skirts, suits and dresses, to name but a few.

Brad makes his Canadian Mark

Goreski gets to Work. Rachel Zoe's protege ventures out on his own and finds a fashionable fit in his homeland

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He's made his Hollywood rounds as a stylist to starlets Jessica Alba, Cameron Diaz, Demi Moore and Kim Kardashian, but we're happy to have Brad Goreski return to his Canadian roots. The star of Bravo reality show It's a Brad Brad World is helping to lend some of his signature pizzazz to a line once known primarily for its practicality.

How did your collaboration with Mark's (formerly Mark's Work Wearhouse) come about?
Mark's came to me. I really like to choose to work with people that make sense for me. And this really feels right. To work with such an iconic Canadian brand, especially one that's changing so much and evolving with their customer, it felt right.

Brad Goreski GEOFFREY KNOTT

Do you think Canadians have influenced the style of our southern neighbours in any way?
I feel like Canadian style has seeped into American culture, especially into the west coast. And what I mean by that is the amount of flannel, the amount of denim-on-denim... I used to get made fun of all the time for wearing it and now it's one of the huge trends. There are a lot of similarities — there's a laid back chicness to both. I think comfort is always key. Definitely in L.A. All of my clients ask me when I tell them to try on a pair of heels, 'are they going to be comfortable?' and I'm like 'no, they're high heels, they have a stiletto on them.'

What's one 'must-have' and one 'must-get-rid-of' in the closet of every man?
I think every guy should have a denim shirt. I think they're so versatile for both men and women. One thing that I would like to see go away are — it's a toss up between — ... a whole outfit. First, the really wide, open, deep V T-shirt. I don't care how good your chest is, it doesn't matter. And then also wildly embellished jeans for guys.

And last but not least, how many bow ties do you own?
Probably around 150.

On the web

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Stars put their spin on LA style and make it look livable

Stay cosy and frugal this season

Warm trends for fall. You don't have to be a Rockefeller to add a bit of autumn luxury to your home

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Let's welcome fall this week without the pressures of spending lavish amounts of money on decorating.

I'm not quite ready for the cold weather so we'll add a few affordable touches of warmth around the house to help take the fall chill off.

Sometimes it's the simple pleasures that can get us through these seasonal changes, so let's save some money, because next week, it's all about the luxurious trends for winter decorating ahead.

In the bath

Step out of the shower to a soft and cozy Plush Pile Bath Rug made of pure cotton. Over 25 colours to choose (Shore shown) assures a designer match in the bathroom. From $45, RestorationHardware.com.

In the den

Treat your feet to a chunky footrest woven from recycled fabric remnants cover the Recycled Pouf. $99, CB2.com.

The great outdoors

Create warmth outside on the terrace with a lightweight and portable Table-top Pedestal Propane Heater. Operates on a one-pound propane tank and has a commercial-grade stainless burner, $130, Sears.ca.

At the bed

Reminiscent of a 1940s bed jacket, Barbara Barry's pale blue Crescent Moon Quilt is a luxurious quilted layering piece with a silk look that adds a touch of glamour to a hotel-inspired bedroom. $200/queen, TheBay.com.

At the desk

Keep your bevies warm while working or computer surfing with Salton's Electrical Mug Warmer. A white and simple design that blends with the modern desktop accessories. $16, HomeHardware.ca.

Clean your own carpet like the pros

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For more, visit charlesmacpherson.com

What is the best carpet stain remover that I can buy? I live on a farm, and having a professional come clean my carpet would be very expensive. I would like to do this on my own, I just don't know what to do.

Hand-held carpet cleaners are a great alternative to using professionals. ISTOCK

Dear Carpet Cleaner,
I personally do not believe in general carpet-cleaning products. What often happens is that if you actually have the right cleaner for the right stain, the cleaned area becomes bright and the remaining carpet stays dirty. When a professional cleans your carpet, first they treat the stain, then they traditionally clean the entire carpet area. This is the secret to avoiding discolouration.

What I have tried is a small hand-held carpet cleaner and at first I was convinced I would hate it. Yet, I soon fell in love! What I use most often is the suction part of the appliance as soon as the spill occurs, then get the excess liquid out very fast. This has worked a few miracles for me. With a few tougher stains with mud and dirt, I followed up with the cleaning formula and it worked like a charm. But be careful; you don't need to run out and buy the biggest, most expensive one. In fact a small hand held is all I think anyone has room for, and easy enough to use on furniture, and carpets. Good Luck!

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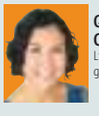
Down sides to using PVC



QUEEN OF GREEN
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What's the eco-friendliest shower curtain?
Andrea of Ottawa

Ban PVC shower curtains from your home. ISTOCK

I'll tell you what's not: PVC or plastic number 3. If you have a shower curtain made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), you should recycle it.

Polyvinyl chloride is known to off-gas hormone disrupting phthalates. Phthalates are used to soften plastics. You'll know PVC from other popular plastic products like food wrap, teething rings, pet toys and blister packaging. Remember that smell when you first opened the package? It's not unlike that "new car smell." What you smell is the release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), phthalates and metals.

In fact, a study by the Centre for Health, Environment and Justice found that these chemicals are released into the air inside our homes, contributing to indoor air pollution. PVC shower curtains can release as many as 108 volatile organic chemicals. Some of these chemicals are associated with developmental damage as well as damage to the liver and central nervous, respiratory, and reproductive systems. Not pretty.

Also, these chemicals are persistent. They were found in the air 28 days after a PVC shower curtain was unwrapped and hung! To prevent these chemicals from being released from PVC and ending up in our bodies and the environment it's best to choose an alternative.

Today, you can find shower curtains labelled PVC-free at most home-design or department stores. These are made from a plastic called PEVA (polyethylene vinyl acetate) — made without the chlorine molecules. But it's still plastic.

A newer option on the market is a hemp shower curtain. But before you fork out the 90-plus dollars for this natural, biodegradable option, make sure your bathroom is well ventilated. While hemp shower curtains are naturally mildew and mould-resistant, they need to be left open and aired out to dry and laundered regularly.

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Lemon Cornmeal Cookies: Pleasant change from traditional sweetness

Lemon Cornmeal Cookies

This recipe makes about 84 cookies. EDWARD POND

"These rustic cornmeal S-shaped cookies are a delicious change of pace from traditional sweet cookies," write the The Canadian Living Test Kitchen chefs in 150 Essential Whole Grains. "The cornmeal gives them a pleasant crunch that goes well with a cup of tea. Dust them with icing sugar, if desired."

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/3 cups fine stone-ground cornmeal
- 1 cup cold butter, cubed
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest

1. In large bowl, whisk flour with cornmeal; using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until crumbly.

2. Beat together egg yolks, brown sugar and vanilla until thickened, about 5 minutes. Scrape over flour mixture. Add lemon zest; beat at medium speed just until blended. (Dough will be stiff.)

3. On work surface and working with 1/4 cup batter at a time, roll and shape into 15-inch (38 cm) long ropes. Cut into 3-inch (8 cm) lengths; bend into S shapes. Place, 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart, on parchment paper–lined rimless baking sheets. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

4. Bake in top and bottom thirds of 375 F (190 C) oven, rotating and switching pans halfway through, until golden, 10 to 12 minutes.

5. Let cool on pans on racks for 3 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks; let cool. (Make-ahead: Layer between waxed paper in airtight container and store for up to 4 days or freeze for up to 1 month.)

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Cookbook of the Week

Decoding ultra healthy foods

With Canadian Living's 150 Essential Whole Grain Recipes, incorporating superfoods into your everyday menus is easy.

The book clears up the mystery of cooking with grains and offers recipes that make the most of these nutritional powerhouses.

Each of the six informative chapters of this full-colour book focuses on a whole grain group. Chapters include: Whole Grain Basics, Wheat, Spelt and Kamut; Brown Rice and Wild Rice, Buckwheat and Rye, Quinoa, Corn and Millet; and Barley and Oats.

Tucked into each chapter are helpful sidebars profiling specific grains as well as expert cooking advice. METRO

Dress up grains with these fancy Gravlax Blini Bites

"Tiny buckwheat pancakes are the ideal backdrop for a curl of tender, salty-sweet cured salmon," write the The Canadian Living Test Kitchen chefs in 150 Essential Whole Grains.

"If you just can't wait five days, you can eat the gravlax as early as the third day of curing."

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp black peppercorns
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup pickling salt or kosher salt
- 2 lb (900 g) skin-on centre-cut salmon fillet
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- 2 tbsp brandy or aquavit
- Small fresh dill sprigs

Mustard Sauce

- 3 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp liquid honey
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh dill

Buckwheat Blinis

- 11/2 tsp granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 1/2 tsp active dry yeast
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup dark buckwheat flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

1. Coarsely crush peppercorns. Mix peppercorns, sugar and salt; spread over both sides of salmon. Spread one-third of the chopped dill down centre of large piece of plastic wrap; top with fish, skin side down.

2. Drizzle with brandy; spread remaining chopped dill over top. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap; place on small rimmed baking sheet. Place small cutting board on fish; weigh down with 2 full 28-oz (796 ml) cans. Refrigerate for 5 days, turning fish daily.

3. Mustard sauce: Stir together mustard, honey and dill. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days.)

4. Buckwheat blinis: In small bowl, dissolve 1/2 tsp of the sugar in warm water. Sprinkle in yeast; let stand until frothy, about 10 minutes. In separate bowl, beat egg, milk and remaining sugar. Add all-purpose flour, buckwheat flour and salt; beat for 1 minute. Beat in yeast mixture and half of the butter. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled, 1 hour.

5. Brush nonstick skillet with some of the remaining butter; heat over medium heat. Without stirring, spoon batter into pan by scant 2 tbsp. Cook until bubbles break on top that do not fill in, 1 minute. Flip; cook until bottom is golden, about 30 seconds. Repeat with remaining butter and batter.

This recipe makes 50 pieces. FELIX WEDGEWOOD

6. Unwrap fish; brush off most of the dill. (Make-ahead: Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 5 days.) Slice thinly on 45-degree angle; cut each slice in half and place on blini. Drizzle with mustard sauce; garnish each with dill sprig.

Tangy. Wheat Berry, Corn and Red Pepper Salad

This recipe serves eight. YVONNE DUIVENVOORDEN

"A tangy spiced vinaigrette gives this salad a touch of smokiness that complements the sweet corn and red pepper," write the The Canadian Living Test Kitchen chefs in 150 Essential Whole Grains. "Serve it with your favourite grilled or roasted pork dish."

Ingredients

- 1 cup soft wheat berries
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 1 sweet red pepper, diced
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 5 leaves fresh basil, finely shredded
- Smoked Paprika

Vinaigrette

- 3 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil

1. Smoked Paprika Vinaigrette: In large bowl, whisk together vinegar, garlic, mustard, paprika, salt and pepper; gradually whisk in oil. Set aside.

2. In saucepan of boiling salted water, cook wheat berries until tender, about 1 hour. Add corn; cook for 30 seconds. Drain and rinse under cold water; drain again and add to vinaigrette.

3. Add red pepper, green onions and basil; toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. (Make-ahead: Refrigerate for up to 24 hours.)

McIlroy focused on fitting in with the team

Golf. 'This week, I'm not the No. 1 player in the world,' young star says ahead of Ryder Cup

Rory McIlroy has gone from being a rookie in the Ryder Cup to a marked man at Medinah.

McIlroy is the first European in nearly 20 years to go into the Ryder Cup as the No. 1 player in the world, although the star power of this 23-year-old from Northern Ireland is about more than a ranking. He's already won two majors, with a record score in the U.S. Open last year and a record margin at the PGA Championship last month.

His four wins this year are the most in the world, all against the strongest fields.

So it was no surprise when Jim Furyk referred to Boy Wonder as the "present-day Tiger Woods" and a "marked man" at this Ryder Cup. That's the role Woods played for years in these matches when he dominated golf. There was a feeling among Europeans that beating Woods was worth more than one point because of the emotional lift it gave the rest of the team.

McIlroy doesn't see it that way. "This week I'm not the No. 1 player in the world," he said Wednesday. "I'm one person in a 12-man team, and that's it. It's a team effort. There's 12 guys all striving toward the same goal. I'm just part of that."

Field of dreams

Both teams look strong with all 24 players among the top 35 in the world.

- The Americans are loaded with experience behind Tiger Woods, Jim Furyk and Phil Mickelson.
- Europe has only one Ryder Cup rookie, Nicolas Colsaerts, and has captured the cup six of the last eight times.

But even in this team competition, it's easy to get wrapped up in a single star.

There's only one way to keep score in the Ryder Cup, though it's tempting to make individuals accountable. Even when Woods was at his best, he still could only deliver a maximum of five points if he played every match. He never came close, and didn't produce a winning record until his fifth Ryder Cup.

"I don't have a number. I don't have a total," McIlroy said. "I think with the U.S. playing here at home, I think they are the favourites. It's a very strong team. So we know we have got to go out there and play very, very well to have a chance. So if I play on Friday morning, I just want to get my point and then take it from there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rory McIlroy drives during the third preview day of the 39th Ryder Cup at Medinah Country Club, just outside of Chicago, on Wednesday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"There's something about Ryder Cup which kind of intrigues me, how you can be great mates with somebody, but boy, do you want to kill them in Ryder Cup."

Englishman Ian Poulter on the intensity of international competition

MLB. Orioles crush Jays to keep pace with Yanks

Chris Davis and Manny Machado each connected twice and the Baltimore Orioles tied a team record with seven home runs, routing Toronto 12-2 Wednesday night and staying within 1 1/2 games of the AL East lead.

The Orioles ended a two-game skid against the Jays to remain close to the division-leading New York Yankees, who won 8-2 in Minnesota.

Nate McLouth hit a leadoff shot in the first inning and Jim Thome and Mark Reynolds also homered. Baltimore has hit seven home runs three times, most recently on Aug. 26, 1985. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays centre-fielder Colby Rasmus reaches in vain for Nate McLouth's first-inning homer on Wednesday in Baltimore. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Figure skating

Former Canadian champ Phaneuf calls it a career

Two-time Canadian figure skating champion Cynthia Phaneuf is stepping away from the ice.

The 24-year-old from Sorel-Tracy, Que., announced her retirement on Wednesday, which came after a roller-coaster 2011-12 season nagged by lingering back pain and a coaching change.

Phaneuf, the Canadian champion in 2004 and 2011, was diagnosed with a stress fracture in her back over the summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL. Reports say sides 'closing in' on referee deal

With NFL commissioner Roger Goodell at the table, the league and the referees' union pressed toward a settlement Wednesday to end a three-month lockout that triggered a wave of frustration and anger over replacement officials.

Two days after a controversial call cost the Green Bay Packers a win, both sides were said to be nearing a deal and several reports put regular officials back at work perhaps as early as Sunday.

ESPN reported that "an agreement in principle is at hand." The New York Times said the sides "were closing in" on a new agreement.

Quoted

"We want to go back to work, but it has to be the right deal for 121 guys."

NFL field judge Boris Cheek

The NFL declined to confirm that a tentative contract was imminent.

The union wants improved salaries, retirement benefits and other logistical issues for the mostly part-time referees.

The NFL has proposed a pension freeze and a higher 401(k) match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mobile sports

Qriket

Washington's Robert Griffin III is so good it hurts. The Redskins rookie quarterback has been taking a beating because he's so good at pretending that he still has the ball after he's handed it off.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will find yourself caught up in a conflict of some kind and you'll have no choice but to take sides. But which side to support? The one that is least likely to desert you in your own moment of need.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Apply common sense to whatever situation you find yourself in today. Also, make sure you keep your tongue firmly behind your teeth, whatever the provocation may be. This is not a good time to be honest!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It may be tempting to hit back at those who are giving you a hard time, but the more bad things you say now, the more work will have to be done later to patch things up. Let go of vengeful thoughts.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Cancer is a cardinal sign, which among other things means you are ready to fight for what you believe — and you may have to today. Don't let anyone take from you what you don't want to give — not now, not ever.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how strong you think your arguments may be, you cannot force others to do things they don't want to do and the sooner you accept that fact, the easier your life will be — and theirs too.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you know what is good for you, any chores and tasks that need doing will be left for the weekend. Today, your priority is to patch up a friendship or relationship that has been heading downhill.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's cosmic picture urges you to find a creative way to bleed off the anger and frustration that has been building up inside. Getting your feelings down on paper is an especially good idea — but don't publish them!

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are entitled to express your viewpoint forcefully but you are not entitled to stop others from expressing their opinions. Free speech is a right worth fighting for — for everyone, not just yourself.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may be the case that you have grown so comfortable doing something one way that you have failed to notice there are better ways to reach your goal. Move with the times. Not everything modern is bad.

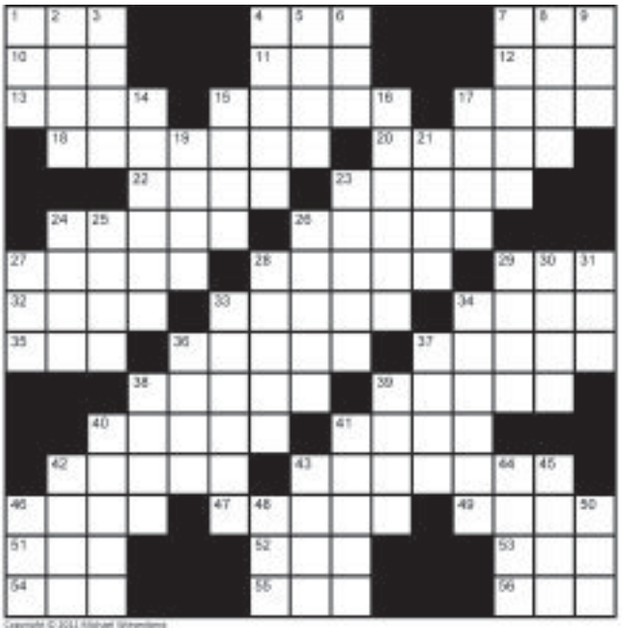
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Being a Capricorn, you enjoy it when the odds are against you, as it gives you a chance to prove how dynamic you are. While others are complaining that life is too tough, you'll just be getting on with it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you apply yourself to the problem at hand, it won't be a problem for long. There is a determination about Aquarius that helps you tackle issues that others too easily give up on. Show that resolve now.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Take no notice of those who say you are being irresponsible. They are merely jealous. Today's planetary set-up means it is better to be a bit reckless than take no risks at all. Do what feels right — and do it now. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Olio Is a Mixture; the Other One's Here

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Our star
4. Official Parliament opposition: initialism
7. "Finger-lickin' good" restaurant: initialism
10. Sean Lennon's mother Yoko
11. Consume
12. Society page adjective that means "born" in French
13. Prevaricator
15. Halifax-born singer McLachlan
17. Remove outside layer, as from an apple
18. IMAX ___
20. Checks out suggestively
22. Grandson of Adam who reputedly lived to 905
23. Eightsome
24. Race, as an engine (2 wds.)
26. Territory whose capital is Whitehorse
27. Canadian military trainee
28. Distinct musical sounds
29. Apply gingerly, with "on"
32. Great poker start
33. Impertinent
34. Dorothy's dog
35. Iniquity site
36. Chile con ___
37. Cheech's Edmonton-born partner
38. "How are you ___?"
39. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
40. "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Mr. Spaceman" group, with "The"
41. Evidence of healing
42. Makes a run for it
43. Anthem with English and French versions (2 wds.)
46. Chunk of dirt
47. Traditional Stampeder rival
49. National Park just across the Alberta-BC border from Banff
51. Do this on bended knees
52. "Big" clock in London
53. And not
54. Audiophile's collection
55. Bon ___: witticism
56. Potato bud

Down
1. Our sun
2. Litre, metre, or tonne
3. Biblical ark builder
4. Approaches
5. "Bet you can't," e.g.
6. School fund-raising grp.
7. Committed a hockey infraction
8. Bank assessments
9. Cartoon collectible
14. Beirut-born Canadian star of *The Matrix* series Keanu
15. "Halt!"
16. What many consider Canada's national game
17. Architect's design
19. "What are you, some kind of ___?" (2 wds)
21. Bygone Pontiac muscle cars
23. 28.35 grams
24. 100-metre dash, e.g.
25. Where Adam and Eve started
26. Toronto-born Neil called "The Godfather of Grunge"
27. Bounder
28. England's Lake District lakes
29. Exit or entrance
30. ___ time: never (2 wds.)
31. Marsh
33. "Because I ___!": parent's response to "Why do I have to?" (2 wds.)
34. Canada's best known retailer, familiarly (2 wds.)
36. Apple eater's throwaway
37. Tribe
38. Not the original color
39. Hertz Rent-_-___
40. Promotes oneself online
41. A bloodhound follows one
42. Took off
43. Margarine
44. Finished
45. Sailor's hail
46. *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* network
48. PC maker
50. Bauxite or hematite

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

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8		7			1		9	
				5	4			6
6				2		4		
		3					8	
		4	9		7	1		
	7					2		
		2		6				9
3			4	7				
	1		2			7		5

Yesterday's Sudoku

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